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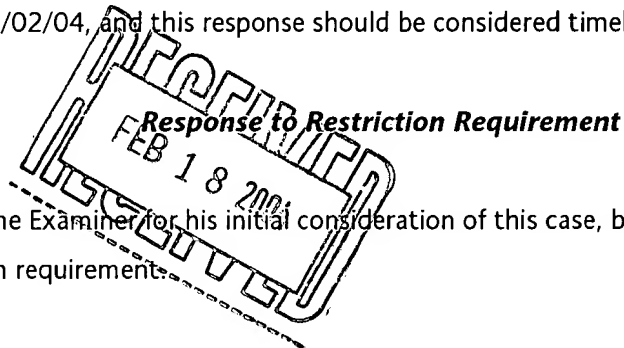
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Request for Three Month Extension & Response to Office Action

This is in Response to the Office Action mailed on 10/01/03, a response to which was originally due on 11/01/03. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension for responding and authorize the Commissioner to charge the fee for such extension to Deposit Account No. 01-2315. The new deadline is now 02/02/04, and this response should be considered timely filed.



Applicants thank the Examiner for his initial consideration of this case, but take issue with the resulting restriction requirement.

The claims. Of the 33 claims in this case, claims 1 – 26 are directed to methods for genetically engineering primates. Of those, claims 2 – 19 are directed to various species of the generic method of claim 1. Claims 20 – 26 are directed to additional species of the generic method of claim 1, with claim 20 being written in independent form.

Claims 27 – 33 are directed to particular genetically engineered cells.

As recognized by the Examiner, the generic method encompasses *in vivo* and *ex vivo* approaches, as well as a number of embodiments involving materials of particular interest.

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